

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 101 are pending. No claims have been amended. No new matter has been added.

A restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 has been required to one of four groups of inventions, characterized as Groups I-VIII. The Groups, claims, and associated subject matter, as set forth in the Office Action, are as follows.

I. Claims 1-90, drawn to compounds of formula I, namely biguanidine compound, process of making, and composition classified in classes 564, 549 subclasses 233, 234, 235, 469, class 514 subclasses 464, 635, and others depending on the choice of the variable groups embraced in formula I.

II. Claims 1, 3-21, 23-27, 29-32, 34-38, 40-46, 49,-57, 60-69, and 74-89, drawn to compounds of formula XIII, namely triazine and composition, classified in class 544, subclasses 204, 205, 206, 207, etc., class 514, subclasses 241 and others depending on the choice of the variable groups embraced in formula XIII.

III. Claims 91-98 drawn to various processes for making intermediates of formulae IV, IVa, Va, Vb, VI, VI, XIV, XV classified in classes 564, 560, 562, 549, etc., subclasses various depending on the choice of the variable groups embraced in formulae IV, IVa, Va, Vb, VI, VI, XIV, XV

IV. Claims 99-101, drawn to various methods of uses, classified in class 514, subclasses 464, 635, 241, and various others depending on the choice of the variable groups embraced in formulas I and XIII.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I. Applicants hereby further elect the species as exemplified by 1-[3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethoxyphenoxy)propyloxy]-5-isopropyl biguanide (free amine of Example 14).

It is Applicants' understanding that the above election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is Applicants' understanding also that, if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims of the invention.

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It is also applicants' understanding that the claims of Groups IV will be rejoined with elected Group I as a matter of right, provided that they are limited to the scope of the allowable product claims of Group I. To the extent this understanding is incorrect, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because any search of the compound claims will necessarily reveal all the relevant prior art with respect to the methods of their use and would not, therefore, place an undue burden on the Office for search and examination.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable Action is requested respectfully.

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